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Mr. L. K. White
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 East Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel White:

We are now in the final planning stages for the 1959 National Security Forum which will be conducted by the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base during the period 27 April - 1 May 1959. The National Security Forum this year will be conducted during the first week, and as an integral part of, a six week long Air War College Study entitled, "U. S. Strategy for the Future".

Although invitations have not been extended to the members of the Forum it is anticipated that the participants will represent an excellent cross-section of the United States from the viewpoint of profession as well as geographical areas. We are expecting approximately fifty civilian guests who will participate with one hundred sixty-five students in Forum week activities.

The specific objectives of the National Security Forum are:

a. To broaden the education of the Air War College students through a mutual exchange of views with distinguished civilians on problems pertaining to national security in the future.

b. To solicit the opinions and advice of, and to exchange ideas with, distinguished citizens upon air power concepts in relation to national strategy and security.

c. To demonstrate the philosophy of education for senior Air Force officers, inviting advice and criticism.

We here at the Air War College are extremely desirous of securing the assistance of the best minds available to present lectures on the most important aspects and serious problems involved in national security. Accordingly, we would be most honored if you could get Mr. Dulles to agree to present the lecture we have scheduled on 27 April entitled "The World Situation." In addition to the fact that he is considered the best qualified to discuss this subject there is a continued desire to present him to the Air War College student body.

In the near future a formal invitation will be tendered Mr. Dulles by the Commandant of the Air War College, Major General Robert F. Tate and I sincerely hope that circumstances will permit his participation in this national activity. I would appreciate, very much, hearing from you in the near future. In the meantime, I will keep you informed as to the status of the Forum and furnish you with pertinent information which I feel sure will be helpful to Mr. Dulles.

Sincerely,



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Director
National Security Forum